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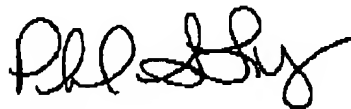
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (restriction requirement) mailed March 16, 2006,  
Applicant elects, without traverse, group I: claims 1-10, 15-19 21, and 22.

Respectfully submitted,



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